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Local events and happenings round and about

Diary Dates

In short supply at the moment with many organisations unable to meet the health and safety regulations as set by the government to keep us safe. So instead, a photo of one of the Infant School's Decorated Doors competition in March - Year 2 Topaz class's 'Gangster Granny'



Cover: "I must have passed it hundreds of times" - a rather glum oak tree in Darley Park, Derby. Photo by John Kemp, background on page 3

Goodmorning to you all - it is good to be back to a much-changed world. We are lucky to live where we do - love and respect it

This Review is a bit of a hotch-pot, we thought there wouldn't be much to go in and we could fill it with articles, anecdotes, photos. But you have all been wonderful and there has been enough copy to fill two Reviews. Hence apologies to those articles we have left out - hopefully they will appear in the October issue - and those which have been shortened. It is difficult to change other people's words, they are your treasures.

A special thankyou to our volunteers and helpers over these months

Without your support our village would be struggling. You have -

Called in to help with shopping on a daily/weekly basis and delivered the goods

Stopped for a chat - and been invited for a cuppa in the garden

Cooked meals and taken them to houses round the village

Collected/dropped off prescriptions from the surgery and chemist

Taken patients to appointments by car or wheelchair

Sorted out household problems - unblocked heating pipes/drains

Made hospital appointments

Mowed lawns, cleaned windows, watered plants

Passed on messages to friends and neighbours

Walked the dog/dogs

And more than anything, you have made many, many, new friends who will not forget you!

You are welcome to add to the list

Stonepath Meadow - the work has started

There are signs of activity, a large sign announcing the impending development by Bellway Homes, and some activity with machinery in the meadow carrying out preliminary archaeological investigations required by planning approval conditions. So, get your last walks in quickly whilst there is still a view across to the Little Baddow ridge.

Cover photograph

“Darley Park lies just north of Derby city centre, sloping down to the River Derwent. Trees line the river, and are dotted around the park – beech, oak and chestnut predominate. It's often busy with dog walkers, joggers and families, but it's big enough to offer some peace and escape from the city.

I have been walking my dogs here for more than 20 years, and have passed this particular oak hundreds of times without noticing it. One day, I looked at it and saw this face looking back at me. Maybe the light was different on this day or I was more attuned to seeing it. Now I give it (him/her?) a nod when I pass, and I've seen others doing the same. There are plenty of more beautiful trees in the park, I'm particularly fond of this one – it makes me smile”

‘Tree of the week’ by John Kemp in The Guardian 16 March 2020

Sidney House and The Laurels surgeries

Dear Patients,

Since COVID-19 lockdown, the Surgery has made a number of changes to enable us to continue providing General Practice services for the residents of Boreham, Hatfield Peverel and the surrounding areas. The guidance regarding how we operate as a Surgery is constantly changing so please be advised to regularly look at our website for the most up-to-date information (see link below).

Appointments

Like other surgeries throughout Mid-Essex, the Surgery doors at Sidney House and The Laurels surgeries remain closed as per NHS England guidance. Patients are still able to telephone the Surgery, book a telephone consultation on line, order repeat medication on line or via an email to Dispensary. Unless you have been given an appointment to attend the Surgery there is currently no walk-in access to the premises.

These measures have been taken to ensure the safety of our workforce and that of our Patients. As we have been conducting telephone consultations for over 2 years, Patients registered at our surgeries are aware the majority of issues can be dealt with via the telephone, however, to compensate for the lack of face to face appointments and to improve access with a clinician, the Surgery is able to offer video consultations to those Patients that have a smart mobile phone with video call technology. If a clinician feels a video consultation would be beneficial, they are able to send a text message to a Patient's mobile phone, with a link to enable the video consultation to start. Furthermore, if a clinician feels that a photo would be helpful; for example, to examine a rash or a sore throat, the clinician is able to send a link that allows Patients to send a photo back to the GP. The photo can then be saved in the Patients' medical records.

Feedback from Patients who have experienced a video consultation and photo messaging has been very positive. The Practice hope to continue with all of the new technology options available to us, even when we return to providing services in whatever is the 'new normal'.

Primary Care Networks

Sidney House and The Laurels Surgeries are a member of Aegros Healthcare Primary Care network (PCN). "Aegros" is the Latin word for Patient. Other member practices of the PCN include Little Waltham Surgery, Great Notley Surgery and Douglas Grove Surgery. All GP surgeries in England have been encouraged to work in PCNs, which are groups of Practices that work together to "enable greater provision of proactive, personalised, coordinated and more integrated health and social care". One of the aims of PCNs is to provide a more efficient service to Patients and improve their health and well-being. Primary Care networks are still in their infancy and although there have been setbacks due to COVID-19, Aegros Healthcare has managed to recruit new staff for the benefit of all Patients across our network.

New PCN Staff

Hazel Throssell is a Social Prescriber. Social prescribers take a holistic non-medical approach to people's health and well-being. The Patients most likely to benefit from seeing Hazel are those with multiple and complex needs but all Patients can request to speak to her. Although Hazel is employed by the PCN she has links to voluntary sector organisations and groups in the local area and can signpost patients for emotional and practical support. Hazel works from one of our surgeries each Wednesday.

Philip Nadone is an experienced Physiotherapist and is based at our surgeries on Monday and Tuesday. He has a similar role to Hannah Broadbridge who works on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Philip and Hannah are both first contact Physiotherapists. They assess, diagnose and manage joint and limb problems. They are able to give expert advice on how best to manage these conditions, but, they are able to refer for further investigations or refer onto specialist services if necessary.

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Queueing for the chemist

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Riana Gandecha is a Clinical Pharmacist with experience of working in community pharmacies and has been working out of Little Waltham, Great Notley and Douglas Grove surgeries. Riana will soon be available from Sidney House and The Laurels surgeries, mainly dealing with prescription queries and medication re-authorisations. Later this year/early Spring 2021 she will be seeing Patients for medication reviews going forward. Riana's proposed work pattern will be from our surgeries on Friday and every alternate Wednesday.

On behalf of Drs Siddiqui, Cunningham and Hall <https://www.sidneyhouseandthelaurels.nhs.uk/>

Parish Council news

Sarah Gaeta, Clerk to the Parish Council, Parish Council office, Community Association Village Hall, Maldon Road, Hatfield Peverel, CM3 2HP



To make an appointment to see the Clerk in person

Telephone: 01245 382865 or email: parishclerk@hatfieldpeverelpc.com between 9am and 1pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Business as usual for the Parish Council

It has been a while since the council has been able to communicate with you all via the Review, but it has been 'business as usual'. We are delighted to welcome new Councillor, Heidi Knightbridge, who was co-opted at the June meeting. In August, Councillor Cliff Livermore sadly resigned from Office. We would like to thank him for his valuable contribution to the Parish Council and wish him well.

Crime Concerns

Please be aware of a recent spate of crime in the village. The Neighbourhood Watch representative for Hatfield Peverel has kindly agreed to attend the Parish Council meetings to provide monthly updates to Councillors and members of the public. **Please remember you can call 101 for crime prevention advice or to report a crime that does not need an emergency response.**

The Parish Council is working in partnership with Essex Police to recruit two Special Constables. If you are interested in applying to be a voluntary Police Officer for the village, see our website for information and answers to frequently asked questions: <https://www.hatfieldpeverelpc.com/special-constable-recruitment/>

Play Areas

The Parish Council understands how frustrating it has been for young families during 'lockdown' with the play areas closed. Since 4 July, the Government has allowed local authorities to re-open play facilities should they assess that they can do so safely:

The Parish Council conducted a risk assessment after the Government issued its guidance, and identified measures needed to open the play equipment safely. The play areas are now open and children are enjoying the facilities once again. At the August meeting, the Parish Council agreed to re-open the MUGA too. Please take note of the advisory signs in place and enjoy the facilities safely. We thank you for your patience during this time – your support of the Council is appreciated.

Planning

Planning decisions are made by Braintree District Council, following consultation with residents, the Parish Council, and other agencies where necessary. For information on what planning applications have been received, granted and refused by Braintree District Council, please see the weekly planning lists which are updated daily and available to view here:

https://www.braintree.gov.uk/info/200225/search_and_track_planning_applications/592/weekly_lists

Details of all planning applications discussed by the Parish Council can be found on the monthly full Council meeting minutes (published on the website). Whilst this does not detail Braintree District Council's decisions, it will indicate what applications have been received during the preceding month.

Website - you can view all Parish Council news on the website: <http://www.hatfieldpeverelpc.com>

Social Media

Please follow the Parish Council on social media for news and updates:

Facebook: [@hatfieldpeverelpc](https://www.facebook.com/hatfieldpeverelpc)

Twitter: [@HatPevPC](https://twitter.com/HatPevPC)

The Parish Council's Social Media policy can be viewed on its website:
<https://www.hatfieldpeverelpc.com/policies-and-procedures/social-media-policy/>

The next meetings of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 7 September and Monday 5 October and both are expected to be held 'virtually' via Microsoft Teams. **Public participation is welcome**, please see the agenda (issued on the Wednesday prior to the meeting) for joining information. The agenda is published on the Parish Council website and on the noticeboard outside of the office (Village Hall).

Blackberries are good for you

I sat down this morning prepared to write a piece about the wonderful abundance of blackberries there are in our hedgerows this year (I had an excellent recipe for wine too).



And what do I get, a bunch of phones - se right. You can't smell them, cook them with apples or enjoy them in any aesthetic way. And where is the photograph, I can't find that either, where did he put them?



Wikipedia tells me these are Blackberry smartphones so I searched in the surplus pasteboard pages at the back and lo and behold, there were my very own blackberries - see left. No room for wine I'm afraid.

COVID 19 - Essex County Council latest update 31 July

Social distancing is vital, now more than ever, to prevent the further spread of COVID-19.

- * **Maintain a minimum distance of two metres between you and someone outside of your household.**
- * **Where two metres is not possible, a minimum distance of one metre plus is advised, along with other mitigating measures such as face coverings and good hand hygiene.**
- * **Stay alert and stay safe by following the latest social distancing guidance.**

Better Health - let's do this

COVID-19 has affected the whole country; for almost everyone, life has had to fundamentally change. But it has also prompted many people to reflect and think more seriously about their health.

Extra weight puts extra pressure on your body makes it harder to fight diseases like cancer, heart disease and now COVID-19. Get help to lose weight with a range of tools and support. Cutting down cuts my risk.

Get help and support to lose weight at [nhs.uk/BetterHealth](https://www.nhs.uk/BetterHealth)

Shielding came to an end on 1 August

If you or someone you know is concerned and requires support, Essex Wellbeing Service (EWS) can help. This service is for all Essex residents, it offers a single point of access to practical, emotional and specialist support from local organisations and volunteers. For help and/or advice call 0300 303 9988 Monday to Friday, 8am to 7pm, or Saturday and Sunday, 10am to 2pm. Or visit the Essex Wellbeing Service website.

Visits to care homes now allowed

Essex care homes can now decide whether to allow visitors after the government published an update on visiting arrangements. Homes will carry out a full risk assessment prior to allowing visitors to return. Where visits go ahead, they will be limited to a single, consistent visitor, per resident, wherever possible in order to minimise the risk. We encourage visitors to follow policies which care homes have put in place to protect people. It will be down to individual care homes to determine arrangements and family members wishing to visit a loved one should contact the home.

News from St Andrews

There isn't a great deal of news, hardly surprising since we have been under lockdown restrictions for over four months. Our churches were closed, along with all places of worship across Britain. Though re-opened for weddings and funerals few have availed themselves of our facilities because of the social distancing restrictions.



On a personal note I would like to thank those who responded to my appeal about my cat Romeo (usually known as Bob 2 as he was a Bengal like Bob 1). Though nothing came of it, I was touched that people with their own problems due to being locked down, took time to respond and commiserate. The worst thing about losing an animal is the not knowing. I feel he had been stolen to order and believe some dogs have gone missing in our area. My commiserations to those who have lost beloved pets and not known their fate.

On a more positive note, we are now allowed to hold services in our church buildings provided certain conditions can be met. I won't bore you with exact details, suffice to say that social distancing is the main driver behind what we can and cannot do. We are allowed to hold Sunday worship but with no singing or coffee afterwards. Baptisms, weddings and funerals can take place but numbers are limited to 30 persons and, in the case of weddings, that includes the couple, the bridesmaids/pageboys, and others - organist and photographer/videographer. Needless to say, there has not been a great rush, though I am going to perform my first baptism later on in August.

For the present, one service a Sunday will be held in St Andrews at 10.15am. If you wish to join in but are unsure about actually coming to church, the Service Order, Hymns and the Sermon can be found on the Hatfield Peverel and Ulting website. Sadly, as I write we still cannot have services at All Saints, but provided we do not have a second wave in this part of Essex and lockdown rules ease in August, we may be able to resume worship there as well. Keep an eye on our website for further details, or contact myself 380958 or Fr Derek 380627 for up to date information.

When you receive this Review we will be well into the Sundays after Trinity. Our colours will be green, the colour of growth. It is important to remind ourselves that growth in the faith is not just about the big Christian festivals of Christmas, Holy Week and Easter, Ascension and Whitsun. These are pointers to something much greater; how we reflect on our faith and allow it to inform our lives. Lockdown has posed the question, what is important to us and what can we let go? For me, speaking as a priest, the most difficult was not being able to celebrate Holy Communion. Over the next few weeks we will complete a risk assessment to see if one of the Sunday services can be a Service of Holy Communion.

For those who would like to pray privately St Andrews will be open on Sundays and Wednesdays between 12pm and 2pm, subject of course to the current social distancing rules.

Edward Bear says goodbye to a special friend

Nicky Shelley

For over thirty years Jean Ashby has delighted generations of children who have enjoyed Edward Bear Club. As their story-teller, with her magical readings of Bible stories and tales of good

- and sometimes -bad - deeds she kept listeners, both children and mums, enchanted (perhaps not all ages all of the time!)

Jean had been an Infant School teacher and on retiring from a busy life was wondering what to do with herself. The then vicar's wife,



Iris Tozer, suggested Jean could help with the newly formed Edward Bear Club . Next day, she was leading a class of children and mums she had never met before. And that's where it began - many years of happy memories

Christmas was the time to say goodbye. The children were sad to see her go and presented her with flowers and a lovely card.

Happy holidays, stay safe. Hope we'll be together soon

Edward Bear listens in while Jean reads the story



Hatfield Peverel Methodist Church Reality Church services during the pandemic

It was with great sadness that we had to close our services in March in line with Government recommendations, and also our work with St Andrew's Junior school ceased when schools also had to close.

Our members with internet technology knowledge have worked hard and produced our website services for children on Saturday mornings at 10.30am (Reality Kids) and Sunday services at 9.30am.

Our children's services include Bible stories, music, games and craft led by our Family and Schools worker, Sandy, who many of the children will now recognise from her Monday club lunchtime sessions at St Andrew's school.

Each Sunday service has music led by Esther, Jane and Eddie with our service leaders giving us messages of encouragement and love to support us through these difficult times.

Our first internet service has received over 300 views and we are now getting around 150 views

of both the Saturday and Sunday services. If you would like to join us and watch at any time, you can access either streams by searching Hatfield Peverel Reality Church – Methodist@HPReality Church on Facebook, or on the YouTube channel : <https://tinyurl.com/hprealitychurch> We hope you will also find the Christian message helpful and uplifting.

Each Monday evening at 7pm our Minister Barry, offers prayers on Facebook live at <https://www.facebook.com/mwbarrya> which all are invited to join.

Our intention is to re-open Reality Church very soon, once Government requirements can be met.

While our Church does not have a physical presence in the village at this time, we can be contacted via our Facebook page, HP Reality Church, or our website, hatfieldpeverelmethodist.com, if you would like further support and prayer during this very anxious time.

All Saints Church, Ulting

Good news from All Saints! The Church opened again at 9 am on Sunday 10 August for Morning Service for the first time since Services had to be suspended five months ago due to the pandemic. Whilst other Churches have been able to reopen earlier All Saints is such a small building the implications of welcoming a congregation had to be even more carefully considered.

Inevitably, safety measures have had to be put in place. There will be a sanitising station at the entrance where everyone will be requested to give their name for Track and Trace purposes.

Face masks will have to be worn inside and alternate pews only will be available for seating. Everyone will be given an Order of Service which can be taken away and brought for each Service. Instead of hymn books, individual hymn sheets will be given out at each Service and although we will all have to suppress our enthusiasm for singing while the hymns are played on the organ, it will give an opportunity to read the actual words of the hymns and take in their meaning, which is something so often overlooked.

All Saints has had a very difficult time during the past few months when it has become popular (in fact too popular) with groups using the Churchyard for recreation. Sadly, as a result the riverbank by the Churchyard has seriously eroded and the roots of the trees are now exposed. To protect the Churchyard it has been necessary to erect a see-through fence along the riverbank to prevent access to and from the river. All Saints Church has come close to being flooded on many occasions and further erosion could increase this possibility. It would be a tragedy if the Church and its unique location were to be permanently damaged by being too popular.

All Saints has always had the reputation of being 'A Place of Peace and Pilgrimage' something that has possibly been overlooked by some visitors to the Churchyard recently. Now that its doors are open again it will be good to embrace the important and positive aspects the Church and its community has to offer.

Morning Services will be at 9 am on the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month with Holy Communion offering bread only for those wishing to participate. On the second Sunday of the month there will be Morning Prayer at 9 am. I very much look forward to greeting you at All Saints again.

Prayers and blessings Rev Derek

Welcome back to our Library

Hatfield Peverel Library opens

Tuesday/Thursday 1 - 5pm

Wednesday/Saturday 9am - 1pm

The number of customers allowed in a library at any one time has been reduced to help people to



stay safe. Time spent in the library will be limited. Be aware there are separate entrances/exits.

Our library is now taking reservations for groups who would like to use the facilities. You can also pre-book the personal computers.

We hope to see you soon.

Fine historical pageant in Hatfield Peverel, 1924

Margaret Freeman

In 1924, a grand pageant of the history of Hatfield Peverel was staged in a field at the back of Hatfield Place. The show was organised by the Women's Institute and it was received with great acclaim.

Featured in The Essex Chronicle on 11 July 1924, the gala was hailed as a 'fine pageant at Hatfield – whole parish participates'.

Months of preparation were involved with men, women and children taking part. Almost every character was played by someone native to the village.

The newspaper praised the actors and noted that 'many were quite new to this sort of work'.

Those who did not play a role worked feverishly behind the set - making props, painting backdrops and designing costumes. Old fashioned dresses were noted by The Chronicle as being of 'excellent and imposing design'.

Historical scenes were acted out by a cast of one-hundred-and-fifty in that summer of nearly a century ago. An almost one-thousand strong audience was charmed by tales of Hatfield Peverel down through the ages. Some of the stories that the actors played out were of:

Down-trodden locals forced to build the Roman Road; the Plague of 668AD; the repentance of beautiful Ingelrica in the second half of the eleventh century; the dissolution of the Priory in 1536; the sixteenth century witches and their cat Satan; and Dick Turpin's 'escapades' by the Bury in 1725.

The pageant concluded with a torchlight procession with all the actors in period costume. As they emerged on stage - some on horseback - the audience responded with rapturous applause and 'rousing cheer'. A grand finale to their theatrical performance, in 'the ideal setting' of Hatfield Place. After the show, the actors and crew retired to the old Village Hall in The Street where the Women's Institute laid on supper for the troupe.

* Note about the photograph:

The Oliver family owned and ran the bakery at the corner of The Street and Church Road. The photograph is courtesy of Adrian Brown who is a grandson of Elsie (Betty) Oliver. Adrian is researching his family history from where he now lives in Australia. He would love to hear of any memories you may have about the Oliver family. If you do have any stories, please get in touch. We will pass them on to Adrian.



*The Oliver family (of Oliver's Bakery) posing in their costumes for the historical pageant, 1924. Standing from left to right - Peggy, William, Elsie (Betty) and Mary Ann and seated Ted and Dick**

What a year this has been!

Hatfield Peverel St Andrew's Junior School July 2020

The words unprecedented, 'baptism by fire' and 'if you can get through this you can get through anything' have been said to me so many times since March! My first year of Headship at St Andrew's has definitely ended very differently to what I had been expecting in September!

And yet, in many ways, the past few very challenging months have only clarified to me many things that I already knew. That the St Andrew's family of staff are incredible. They are adaptable, creative, supportive, caring and hugely conscientious in every way. That the children and families of St Andrew's are an amazing community demonstrating: kindness, support, friendship, enormous creativity and resourcefulness. The challenges of home-schooling whilst working from home or caring for siblings has not been easy.

Ultimately, it has clarified to me what an amazing 'team' and 'community' we all are and how very proud I am to love and lead it. I am very much looking forward to September when another 'new-normal' will begin and the children, families and staff at St Andrew's will continue to 'Shine'.

Life before Lockdown



The year began on an exciting note with the introduction of Forest School learning sessions, school trips to the Hindu Temple in Neasden (Y5), Harry Potter Studios (Y6) and Sutton Hoo (Y4). February saw an overwhelming response to our Grandparents' morning - sharing work together and chatting about the learning that has been happening. In March



the whole school celebrated World Book Day based on the book 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and the children were asked to dress in as much of one colour as possible.



School life was rich and buzzing with enthusiasm when we were all given the news we had been dreading.

Lockdown.

Whilst this meant 'school closed' for the majority of our children, we have remained open for children of our key and front-line workers every day since school closures were announced on 20 March (including the Easter holiday break when the country was in full lockdown). We acknowledged the significant part our school had to play in supporting the wider community whilst delivering a full and varied curriculum to the rest of the children being schooled from home. This has proved challenging for parents (and we have understood from the outset the differing restraints of each family) we have provided 'home learning' bulletins each week to enable the children to continue working from home on a wide range of topics.

Google Classroom has been a fantastic resource and we have tailored it to provide the most appropriate environment for our children. As well as providing a safe and secure way for staff and pupils to connect with each other, the children have used it to upload and show us their work. As staff, we felt the main benefit was to put the children back in touch with their teachers and classmates (albeit virtually) during these extraordinarily challenging times and support our children in their well-being and relationships. The children have enjoyed Google 'meets' with their teachers and classes, whole school quizzes, story-time and they have also been able to share some time 'catching up' with their friends.

Year 6 Return

From 1 June DfE guidance allowed Year 6 children to return. After considerable furniture shifting, space measuring and a rigorous risk assessment, on 3 June we were delighted to welcome back 70% of this year group to their new 'Bubbles'. They adapted to the 'new normal' with the spirit and resilience that we have come to expect from our St Andrew's children. We are enormously proud of them and the way they have organised themselves up to their time of leaving. This has not been the end any of us wanted for them but on Thursday 9 July, we were able to enjoy a family leaver's celebration with a socially distanced picnic and say 'Goodbye'. They also enjoyed a visit from an ice-cream van and a surprise leavers' film which is shared on our website – we recommend a viewing, it will bring a smile to your face!

A special moment (which may well have started a new St Andrew's tradition) came when the staff and children in school-based childcare 'lined the route' out of school for the leavers, clapping the whole time.



From Friday 10 July we began to welcome into school our new Year Three children, followed by our current Years 3-5 for transition sessions in preparation for September. These are precious opportunities to meet the new Year Two children who will be joining us in September. These sessions also ensure that all of the children have said 'goodbye' to their old teachers and a 'hello' to their new teachers so that when September arrives the children are better prepared for a 'full return' to school life.

May we wish everyone in the Hatfield Peverel community a safe and happy summer 2020.

Becky Black, Headteacher

Stitch to Enrich

Come and make friends as we chat, stitch and relax
1st and 3rd Thursdays each month

Starting Thursday 3rd September — 2pm–4pm
The Duke of Wellington, The Street, Hatfield Peverel

This is a new therapeutic group focussing on the joy of stitching
where you can find friendship and space to share

A warm welcome awaits you.

Information from Jane Cook 07827 594535 or Stitch2enrich@gmail.com

Cricket is back!

Hatfield Peverel Cricket Club

Since March, life has been put on hold for all of us. During this difficult time many have suffered loss and grief. Hatfield Peverel Cricket Club joins our community in adding their condolences and thoughts and prayers for all of those who have suffered. Every organisation like the Cricket Club is the sum of all the people involved in its activities. The continued existence of the club has been of paramount importance for the well-being of those who love cricket. Sadly, many clubs have not been able to survive and have closed or been forced into mergers losing some part of their identity as a consequence.



Happily, HPCC has been able to ride out the lockdown despite loss in revenue generated by playing cricket during the season. This has been achieved by cutting expenditure to a minimum, the generosity of those who maintain the ground by providing their services at vastly reduced cost or for free, and by obtaining a grant that in large part compensated for the loss of income caused by the enforced lockdown.

That said, we always welcome new members and membership is vital for our continued existence. So HPCC invites you to sign up for Social Membership at £5 **and to join us on Tuesday evenings, Saturdays and Sundays**, and if you will, to join in and play this wonderful game with us. **Cricket is Back!** Many will have watched the return of top-flight cricket with the tests between England and the West Indies already played, with the third, final, and deciding test starting as I type this. Thanks to hard work and thoughtful planning, ECB has been able to give the go ahead for recreational, village cricket to recommence.

In July Hatfield Peverel All Stars T20 played the first game, and Saturday and Sunday league sides are looking to organise friendlies both at the home ground and away. Hopefully the climate for socially interactive and contact sports will improve and we look to a brighter future with full competitive cricket returning for the 2021 season. But at least for now it is enough that **Cricket is Back!**

Chairman Trevor Lenoir

Correspondence address Nick Carter, Honorary Secretary and Pavilion Manager, Hatfield Peverel Cricket Club, Crofton, Station Road, Hatfield Peverel, CM3 2DS

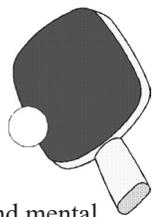
New season starts in September

Hatfield Peverel Table Tennis Club

After the pandemic break from last March onwards, the Chelmsford League is planning to restart in September, and we will be scheduling a few practice nights in the Village Hall, once we have agreed and put in place all the relevant Covid19 safety guidelines.

Table tennis is a healthy, active and enjoyable sport, proven to enhance personal physical and mental well-being. It is also relatively inexpensive to kit out and play. We are a local friendly club with around 25 members of all ages and standards, both male and female. Home playing night is Tuesdays. We field 5 teams in the Chelmsford League, from Division 2 down to Division 5 and would benefit from a few more players to maintain our 5 teams and possibly increase to 6 next season, from September through to April 2021.

If you wish to play competitively or to re-start your playing career please contact us. If you wish to join one of our league teams, leave your details with Club Secretary Neil Freeman on 01245 382249 or myself Club Chairman Andy Simmonds on 01245 381020 or 07932 057 205



If you want to play non-competitive, social table tennis, contact Alan Benfield on 07741 140732.

Thank you Hatfield Peverel for continued support of your local Helen Rollason Cancer Charity

Kate Alden - CEO

Helen Rollason Cancer Charity

kate.alden@helenrollason.org.uk

Tel 07730 209442

I hope you are doing well and staying as positive as possible during these challenging time. Here is an update on what has been happening at Helen Rollason Cancer Charity over the past months and what our plans for the future are.

“As many of you will know our Support Centres, including our one on The Street, and Charity Shops all closed on 23 March in line with Government guidelines, with the majority of staff being put on furlough leave. Knowing how important our services are to our clients meant we have had to diversify the support we could provide at this time and implemented welfare calls, by telephone, to clients and volunteers.

*I am very proud to say that to date the therapists have had **1192** conversations and left **470** messages. These have been very well received – listening to clients who have had medical treatment cancelled or delayed, sign posting people to the range of online and virtual support groups such as mindfulness and yoga that we have set up, or have a general chat, has been hugely beneficial. We have also been providing emergency and crisis counselling sessions by telephone.*

As for so many charities and businesses, the pandemic has impacted our budgeted income. Our annual cycle event Ride for Helen, in May at Crix in the village, has been rescheduled to Sunday 20 September 2020. We may have to restrict numbers and change some processes but I am confident this will take place. Online registration is available at www.rideforhelen.co.uk

We are currently looking for some additional storage space in the village to store the donations we have been receiving. If anyone has an unused garage, large shed, warehouse or similar in the local area that we could borrow for the next 3 or 4 months then please do get in touch with me (contact details below)

*I wish I could tell you when we are going to be re-opening **all** our Support Centres but I cannot. When we do reopen I am anticipating a staggered start, reduced hours and limited activities. What I can say is that they will only reopen once it is in the best interest of our clients, staff and volunteers. The welfare of all is paramount and this will not be compromised.*



However I can confirm the Mid Essex Support Centre in Hatfield Peverel will be reopening on 1st September. Initially we will be offering a limited number of appointments and our services will be reduced but for more information clients can contact Hazel, the Centre Co-ordinator on 07874 945994

Thank you to all residents of Hatfield Peverel for your continued support of your local cancer charity.”

Flowers to cheer us on our way

Hatfield Peverel Flower Club - Helen Peter, Secretary

Its lovely to welcome the Flower Club to our pages, albeit at this tricky time when the flowers have been at their best, even if a bit thirsty!.For new residents to the village, Helen tells you what to expect when things get back to normal

We are a friendly club that meets on the first Wednesday evening of the month (apart from January and August) in the Village Hall where there is good parking. We have a thriving membership, and visitors are always welcome (£5 including refreshments). The evening starts at 7.30 with tea/coffee and biscuits.

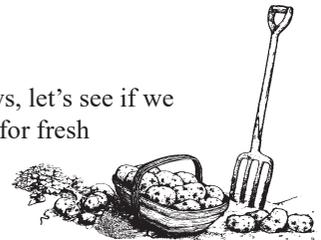
Each month we have a demonstrator at 8pm who shows us 5 or 6 creations on a theme. These are then raffled at the end of the evening, so some lucky people go home with a beautiful arrangement. There are 4 competitions over the year to encourage people to have a go too.

Further information can be found on our website www.hatfieldpeverelflowerclub.com or contact Jane on 01245 466364 or email Helen on helenopeter@yahoo.co.uk

Allotments and gardens are good for fresh air...

Drew Price HPAА -New site letting officer www.hpaa.org.uk

While so much of the year has featured distressing, sad, and horrible news, let's see if we can find and emphasise the positive. Allotments and gardens are good for fresh air, exercise, social distance, and mental well-being - good health which hopefully you all are all experiencing



Our allotments look better than ever - mostly due to a common factor all of us with allotments share. Time! Lockdown has given everyone more personal and discretionary time and our allotments are looking great. I suspect the same is true for home gardens. How do we keep them looking good especially in this dry weather? Water is the key! Here are some tips.

Golden rules for watering - rarely shared, are usually learned through experience. And bits of rain such as we've recently had, do not replace watering. We have developed long arms hauling water from our water tanks to compensate for dry soil. Homeowners have hose-pipes. Plants do need plenty of water: how much, how often? How much is enough? When should we water - not in the heat of the day.

Rule 1 Keep soil evenly moist - most plants depend on even moisture and slight drying out before watering, promotes root growth. But avoid water logging – causing root cells to drown without oxygen.

Rule 2 Water seldom but thoroughly – every other day or 2 to 3 times per week is usually sufficient. Better to water seldom but with plenty of water rather than a little bit daily.

Rule 3 Water late in the evening or early morning . Cooled soil means less water evaporates.

Rule 4 Keep leaves dry, water soil below. Roots absorb water, not leaves - wet leaves may become diseased or sunburnt.. Always apply water around the plant near the roots to prevent one-sided root growth.

Rule 5 Give the right quantity of water - top 2 inches of soil should be damp. Water needs a moment to seep into the soil. Better to water and repeat to avoid water flowing away unused.

Rule 6 Lawn grasses are plants too - water 30 to 60 minutes every 10 days. Spraying for a few minutes a day stresses the grass.

Rule 7: Irrigate to save water - water as much as necessary and as little as possible.

The Jazz Century – Cakewalk to Culture

Our Spring term course just made it before lockdown!



An enjoyable look at the development of Jazz in the 20th Century. We time travelled through the decades, early years in New Orleans, the movement to other American cities, particularly New York and Chicago, and thence to Europe and beyond. Most bands were segregated, black or white, and this continued well through the century. Lots of music to listen to, and film clips, and we learned about recording technology, and how it influenced the success of various bands. Graham Platts, our tutor is very knowledgeable.

Next term will be different. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, WEA has decided there will be no face-to-face courses in the autumn term; we are going online, using Zoom. One of our favourite tutors, Ted Woodgate, will deliver a series of lectures entitled ‘The East End Strikes Back’, looking at social problems caused by the industrial revolution, particularly poverty and inequality, and how those in power attempted to cope with the resulting political pressures. The dramatic events in London in 1888 and 1889 are set in this national context. We will also learn how this movement, inspired by economic circumstances, went on to influence a national political realignment which eventually to the rise of the Labour Party.

It is an interesting experiment, and we shall have to see how it goes. We are hoping normal service will be resumed in January, and we can once again meet in the Scout HQ on Tuesday mornings. Watch this space! We will sadly be unable to run our evening lectures in the autumn but again are hopeful for 2021.

The course starts on Tuesday 22 September and runs for 10 weeks. Start time is 9.15 am, finishing at 10.45 am. Bring your own coffee and biscuits! The cost is £48 for the term. To enrol, go to the WEA website (www.wea.org.uk/). Use the Course Reference C2227526. Click on ‘I know the course reference’, put the Course Reference in the box, and the exact course should come up. You read about the course, and enrol online. Instructions on using Zoom should follow.

As with all WEA courses, it is open to everyone, not just past students. Do join us, and bring a friend!

If all this is a bit bewildering, please contact me Lesley Naish, Branch Chairman, for more information:- Hatfield.Pevel.branch@wea.ac.uk or phone 01268 385920.

Walking is good for you!

Hatfield Pevel Walkers - Graham Bushby, 380472

We last walked as a group in late January 2020 - with local lockdowns, family ‘bubbles’ and separation distances of 1m+ it could be November or December at the earliest before we can recommence our walking group activities.

There are many walks in this area families can enjoy at a time and distance to suit themselves. Some within walking distance of the village have places to stop for food and drink. Drive a short distance before beginning a walk and there are more possibilities.

There is a map displayed outside the library in The Street with local walks, and the Parish Council website has nine walks, of varying



distances, available which our group has walked many times and recommend for adults and supervised children. We sometimes use car share to go further afield to Heybridge Basin (*where the editors saw their first swallows a few days ago*), Braintree area, or a bus to Maldon or Witham.

When we are able to walk in groups we will make announcements via the local social media. New members, who would like to explore the area, are particularly welcome Walks normally take place on the last Thursday of the month and last for about 3-4 hours from 10am at the Village Hall and cover 4-5 miles - but please no animals.

There is no subscription, if you would like more information please contact Graham on 380472 and leave your name and contact number if there is no immediate answer. Hope to see you soon.

Keep on Scouting

1st Hatfield Peverel Scout Group (Boys and Girls 6-18 years)

Publicity - Anna Perry (anna_h@btinternet.com)

www.hpscouts.org

A busy few months for our Scout sections, although unable to meet as normal we have adapted and risen to the challenge of continuing Scouting for the children whilst in lockdown by delivering a programme from a distance using email and online video meetings. They have taken part in lots of fun and challenging activities but at the same time teaching valuable life skills 'Skills for Life'.



Beavers (6-8 yrs) have completed their animal care, cooks, the great indoors, Chief Scout Bronze awards and lots of others! They took part in #HikeToTheMoon by hiking at least a mile at home for charity, camping indoors, VE Day activities, junk modelling, cooking pizza, building car tracks, baking cookies and emergency aid. Eight new members joined and have settled in and loving it. Before lockdown they took part in lots of activities - starting their Digital Maker badge by learning about computers, Animal Friend badge with a visit to Pets at Home in Maldon and a fun evening at Clip 'n Climb in Chelmsford (*photo left Carol Fischer-Hill*). **We are planning a return to normal Scouting in September, involving a mixed programme of small groups face to face and via Zoom - see photo above by Nick Nicholls.**



Cubs (8-10½ yrs) have had fun with activities by email and zoom meetings and over 100 badges have been gained! They made St George's Day cakes and dragons, camping out and cooking over the Bank Holiday weekend, taking part in VE Day by decorating their windows with flags, going on nature walks and completing a nature quiz, completed a Science badge (with explosions in the kitchen!), sleeping anywhere but

their beds – parents lost dining tables for two nights and one slept on a trampoline! The term ended with water activities via Zoom, and all are looking forward to coming together as a pack when it is safe.

Scouts (10½-14yrs) have been busy playing online Catchphrase, Battleships, Bingo and Who Wants to be a Millionaire. They created a Scout camp in Minecraft and found themselves flying around the world via Google Earth and escaping from a Harry Potter themed escape room. They have had Scout bake-offs making scones and cookies and took part in #HikeToTheMoon by hiking at least a mile at home for charity. Before lockdown, the Scout Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders (8 in total) went away for a weekend in March on a Woodland Winter Camp. The aim of the weekend was to provide teamwork activities and being a team leader to help them improve their roles. It was a great weekend with fun had by all - #SkillsForLife *Photo right Carol Fischer-Hill*

Explorers (14-18yrs) have been having online meetings taking part in quizzes, bingo games and a murder mystery evening. We have had lots of members taking part each week and it has been a great way for them to keep in touch with their friends.





Scouts paper collection in the Seventies

Thank you to Jean Ashby for this photograph of Scouts paper collection in the early 70s. Her husband Denis Ashby (head peeking round at the right of the photo) was a leading light in the Scouts, Akela for twenty years and later Group Scout Leader. And driver of the Wilkinson lorry for the monthly paper collection. I can recognise one or two other faces in the photo - Ed

Newspaper and cardboard collection - in 2020

Monthly collections are postponed due to the current situation but the skips at Scout & Guide HQ and Upsons Farm Shop are still being emptied. Can we please ask that you continue donating your paper/cardboard directly to the skips. The Scout Group receives payment for all paper and cardboard collected. This helps fund the Scout Group and gives us approx. £2500 per year to help with building costs and provide scouting to the young people in the village. Please help us continue to raise funds for our group.

An appeal from paper collection organiser Jonathan Dorman. **Can we please request that cardboard boxes are flattened as much as possible and paper is emptied out of plastic bags. NO PLASTIC, it reduces the amount the Scouts get paid for a load which contains any.** - to ensure there is enough room for everyone to use in between the bins being emptied. Please do not leave any type of rubbish by the skip, it cannot be disposed of. Thank you for your support and to those who have kindly donated already.

So again, please - FLATTEN YOUR CARTONS and NO PLASTIC!

The Guides thank you all for your help

For enquiries to join please visit www.girlguiding.org.uk or phone Jo Earthy on 01245 380386



The pandemic has given us many challenges that we have had to overcome. Face-to-face meetings were cancelled promptly but all units have persevered and used Zoom to continue meeting online. It has not been the easiest of times but I would like to personally thank all adults and children involved alike for their continued efforts to keep on Guiding. It seems a little strange to report on things that happened so long ago now, but.....

In the New Year Rainbows welcomed new girls to the unit with games and challenges. Work on their entries for the local handicraft competition came to a halt when it was cancelled but they have continued to meet and work on badges.

Brownies were busy on a group of challenges ‘Skills for my Future’. They cooked; learnt about tools and made a Christmas design, and enjoyed a Christmas party with theme and food chosen by themselves. This term the girls have decided to work on different challenges with themes of ‘Take Action’ and ‘Be Well’ and have been able to do this online. They have also enjoyed camping at home challenges.

Before Christmas Guides went to Madison Heights for a bowling night. The prospect of a handicraft competition was quickly dashed as was Mothers Day treat the Essex International Jamboree, cancelled until 2024. Amongst other things we have been having fun with microwave cookery and doing badge work. Can’t wait to get back to face-to-face meetings.

There has been a strong history of Girlguiding in the village for many years, unfortunately we are experiencing a decline, which is a shame. For all 3 age groups that we cater for (Rainbows ages 5-7, Brownies 7-10 and Guides 10-14) there is a meeting once a week in the Scout & Guide HQ on Church Road.

If you know of a young girl who is interested in joining please go the website where you can register your interest. We are also very happy to talk to any adults that may like to help out too. Maybe not as a full time leader, but if you have a skill that could be shared with the girls of Hatfield Peverel I’d love to hear from you, see details above.

Brave New World?

Going forward to what we all hope will offer us a happier and less uncertain life than the past 6 months, Ken and I decided a new graphic to illustrate the Parish news would be in order. This old style, which has seen better days and has been around since issue 152, August 1999, is in need of replacement and who better to ask than our hard-working footpath representative Ken (with help from she who must be obeyed). See next months Parish Council space to find out if we succeeded. If you have any ideas, do let us know

Wine Club - still zooming around the world during the lockdown!

Peverel Wine Club – Vee Green, Secretary (01245 355723)

www.peverelwineclub.co.uk or email peverelwineclub@hotmail.co.uk

The last meeting we reported for the Review was in January and after March's meeting we started life in lockdown! Despite shortages there was one great beacon of hope – the Government had decreed that wine was an essential item, an opinion devoutly echoed by all members!



Some intrepid members mastered the mysteries of modern technology and set up a Wine Club Zoom group, a real hit, giving participants a sense of having seen other people and had a sensible conversation which doesn't involve the pandemic. April stuck to the programmed topic with Two Grapes Around the World. We couldn't miss the opportunity to taste wines from all over the world, demonstrating how one grape can taste very different when grown in another climate and another soil.

In May we repeated the formula when we heard each other's recommendations for summer-drinking wines - the weather provided an idyllic backdrop for most of the month. In June a visit to a local vineyard was replaced by a tasting of Six Quid Superstars. The question: can you still get a decent bottle of wine for £6 - answer, a resounding YES. Recommendations were an M&S Spanish Rosado de la Cruz rosé at £6; a Zurriago Argentinian Malbec at £6.75 from Sainsbury's; a Cambala Chenin Blanc from South Africa from Aldi at £5.99, and another Spanish rosé Albali Tempranillo at £4.50, an absolute bargain from Asda.

Our traditional walking treasure hunt around an Essex village in July, finishing with a pub supper, by the magical powers of Zoom, transmogrified into a virtual treasure hunt covering the whole of Essex, created by Jill and Nick Shakespeare. The bonus: no walking boots, cagoules or compass, and we didn't get blisters!

If you'd like to join us for a light-hearted and inexpensive evening out (or evening in at the moment), you would be very welcome, but please give Vee a ring beforehand to confirm your invitation to join a Zoom session on 01245 355723. Catch up with what's been happening at the Wine Club during lockdown by viewing our website at www.peverelwineclub.co.uk. Stay well, stay cheerful and keep drinking the wine!

Hadfelda WI and lockdown musings

It seems a long time since we held our last WI meeting in February. We were full of enthusiasm for the year ahead with interesting events and outings planned. Our speaker all those months ago was Anita Marie Sackett who talked about 'How we used to live in the Home' which brought back lots of memories. Little did we know that we would soon be spending a lot more time in our homes! At present, there are no plans to start holding WI meetings again, but hopefully it won't be too long.



Reading through the February edition of the Review reminded me what a vibrant village Hatfield Peverel is and how many clubs and activities are available to the residents should they wish to be involved.

At least the weather has been kind during the lockdown with warm sunny days, and those of us who enjoy gardening have had more time to attend our plots. We are also fortunate living where we do as a few minutes' walk in any direction takes you out of the village and into the countryside. Whilst going for our 'daily exercise' we discovered long forgotten footpaths and hidden gems around the village. Having a 'social distance' chat with others that we met during these walks was an added bonus. The increase in the amount of wild flowers, probably helped by the verges not being mowed, attracted bees and insects and we noticed how many more birds visited the garden. We have even had regular visits from hedgehogs.

The most noticeable change during these past few months has been the lack of traffic, both on the road and in the air. Peace and quiet is one thing that will be missed when we return to 'normal'.

Hatfield Peverel Parish Council

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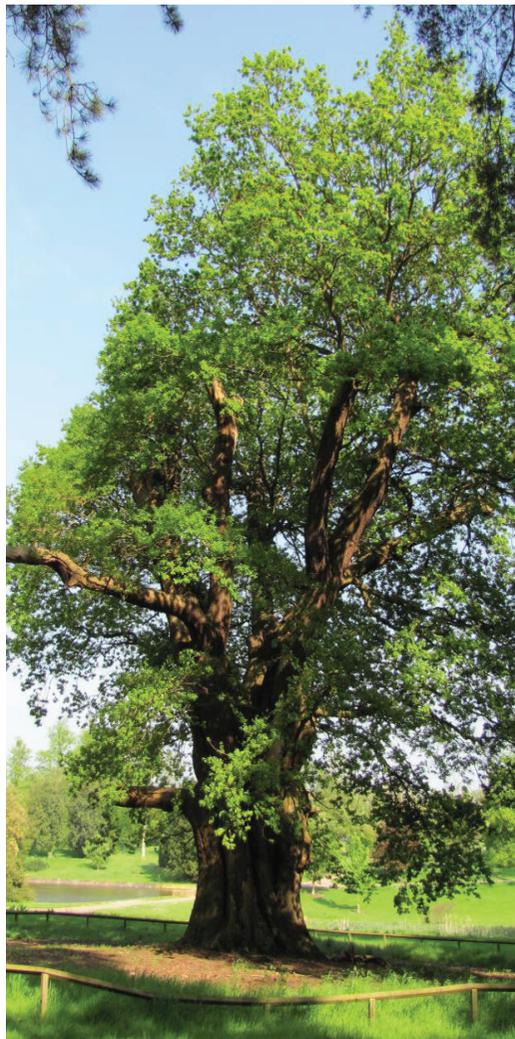


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The Honeywood oak

In its summer glory, in the Marks Hall estate in Coggeshall, sits an 800-year-old tree, the Honeywood oak. At the beginning of August The Oak Papers (abridged), written by James Canton, was read by Jonathon Keeble in BBC's Radio 4 Book of the Week,

I can remember visitng Marks Hall, I think on a WEA outing some years ago, and being overwhelmed by its age, the last of a great forest of oaks. A great place to visit, and the book is available too!

Useful telephone numbers

Please contact the editors for additions/errors.

Age UK Essex 01245 346106

Anglian Water, 24 hours 0800 919 155

Braintree District Council 01376 552525

Clean Team ring number above and ask for

Customer Services

Witham Area Office in Witham Library

- for walk-in enquiries only

Churches

St Andrew's (C of E), vicar 01245 380958

Methodist Church, minister 01621 853423

Catholic Church, Witham, priest 01376 512219

All Saints Church, Ulting 01245 380627

Citizens Advice Bureau Witham 0344 4994719

Monday to Friday 10am - 4pm

Doctors, health services

Hatfield Peverel doctors' surgery 01245 380324

NHS - non-emergency helpline 111

Pharmacy, Hadfelda Square 01245 380130

Electricity - emergency 0800 7838838

Essex County Council 01245 492211

Essex & Suffolk Water 24 hours 0845 7820999

Gas - emergency 0800 111999

Harlequin Children's Centre 0300 2470014

Free support and services for children under 5

Hospitals

Broomfield (A&E); 01245 362000

St Peters, Maldon 01621 725323

Libraries (enquiry line) 0345 6037628

Hatfield Peverel

Tuesday, Thursday 1 - 5pm

Wednesday, Saturday 9am - 1pm

Witham - use enquiry line above

Police Non-emergency calls 101

Use 101 also for the local officer

Emergency calls 999

Police Stations, Braintree, Chelmsford

Opening hours, Monday - Saturday, 12.00 to 6pm

Post Office 01245 382787

Open 7am - 10pm, last collection 4.30pm

Railway Information

Greater Anglia 03456 007245

National Rail Enquiries (24 hrs) 03457 484950

Registrar of Births, Marriages & Deaths

Witham, by appointment only 03456 037632

Braintree, by appointment only 03456 037632

The Change Project 01245 258680

Personnel well-being through 08453 727701

positive change

Samaritans (24 hours - toll free) 08457 909090

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St Andrew's Junior School 01245 380131

Hatfield Peverel Infant School 01245 380220

Hatfield Peverel Day Nursery 01245 382450

Tigertots Toddler Group 07866 518846

Charlotte Greaves 07527 763038

Social Services 0345 6037630

Community Agent for Hatfield Peverel

Jan Hawkins 07540 720605

Office 01376 574330

Village hall 01245 381481

Let us know of useful services to add to this list

Maldon Film Club

Maldon Town Hall www.maldonfilmclub.info

Members are completing a survey to determine when and how they wish the club to resume fortnightly screenings - not before October this year at the earliest in groups not exceeding 25 physically distanced members.

Films to be shown will be: A Beautiful Day in the Neighbourhood; A Taste of Honey; Bait; Blinded by the Light; Corpus Christi; For Sama; Honeyland; JoJo Rabbit; Knives Out; Official Secrets; Pain and Glory; Parasite; Portrait of a Lady on Fire; Sorry We Missed You; Sweet Country; The Farewell; The Peanut Butter Falcon; The Truth; The White Crow.

Village hall opening times

Facebook: Hatfield Peverel village hall

Opening times are

Friday and Saturday 7 - 11.30pm

Sunday 12 noon - 4pm

Booking for hall/meeting rooms

HPCAbookings@g.com

Food/drink can recycling collection

Many thanks to Sheila Ppear for all her hard work over many years raising money for Essex Air Ambulance.



Swans and Canada Geese at Heybridge. Photo Andy Simmonds